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BOOK REVIEWS.

THE COLLECTED PAPERS OF JOHN WESTLAKE ON PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW, edited by L. Oppenheim, M.A., LL.D. Cambridge, University Press, 1914. Pp. xxix, 705.

To most lawyers Professor WESTLAKE has been best known as the author of the classic treatise upon PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW, which first appeared in 1858 and is now in its fifth edition. His interest in Public International Law developed in the course of years so that his later writings were largely in that field. Professor OPPENHEIM, WESTLAKE'S successor at Cambridge, has appended to the well-known CHAPTERS UPON INTERNATIONAL LAW, which appeared in 1894, WESTLAKE'S shorter studies covering an astonishing range of time (1856 to 1913) and a variety of subjects. The volume is unwieldy and one regrets that the Chapters were not printed in one volume, the Papers in another.

For calm and dispassionate reasoning, humanitarian but not sentimental, WESTLAKE always excites respect and admiration. His inaugural lecture at Cambridge (1888) on the NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW is an excellent statement of the position that International Law is a true law of international society, a thesis later elaborated in his Chapters. Some of the essays are surprisingly fresh in interest, although written many years ago. Particularly so for us is the one on the SALE OF CONTRABAND, which appeared at the time of the Franco-Prussian war, when Prussia, through her ambassador at the Court of St. James, Count Bernstorff, the father of the present German ambassador to the United States, protested against the failure of Great Britain to forbid her nationals selling munitions of war to France. Indeed, it is doubtful if a more admirably presented statement of the neutral position can be found. In connection with recent British prize-court decisions the essay entitled "IS INTERNATIONAL LAW A PART OF THE LAW OF ENGLAND?" (1906) is particularly timely. WESTLAKE decided, with some reservations, this question in the affirmative, a conclusion which should be reconsidered in the light of the recent study by Mr. PICCIOTTO upon the same subject. The volume is in all respects a valuable adjunct to WESTLAKE'S monumental treatise upon PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW, which is certainly one of the best systematic works upon the subject in any language. J. S. R.

SELDEN SOCIETY. VOLUME XXVI. YEAR BOOKS OF EDWARD II. VOLUME VI. 4 EDWARD II (A. D. 1310-1311). Edited by G. J. Turner, London: Bernard Quaritch. 1914. Pp. cii, 228.

After a delay of three years volume VI of the Year Book Series has at length appeared. For this volume Mr. G. J. TURNER, who assisted in the preparation of volume IV, is solely responsible. It contains all the reports of Hilary Term and all except a few of those of Easter Term, 4 Edw. II. The presentation of the text is excellent; in that respect this volume leaves nothing to be desired.